

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the telephonic conference with the Examiner.

During the conference the Examiner indicated that the features of claim 33 can be considered as allowable. In connection with this, applicant has amended claim 23 by introducing into it the features of claim 33 and also amended claim 34 by introducing into it actually the same features.

It is therefore believed that claims 23 and 34 should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

Applicant has also cancelled claim 31 and submitted two new independent claims 45 and 46 which substantially correspond to the original claims 23 and 34, but also contain the features of claim 31.

In the new reference a resistor is disclosed, which is composed substantially of TiO₂ and has a metallic phase with at most 0.2 weight percent. Claims 45 and 46 define that the metallic phase is provided with a significantly higher content, so that after sintering a network of thin metallic conductor tracks can be formed for providing a sufficient conductivity of the resistor.

The new features of the present invention which are now defined in claims 45 and 46 are not disclosed in the references and can not be derived from the references as a matter of obviousness.

It is respectfully requested to consider the claims and to allow the present application.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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